

TERRITORY AND AUTHORIZING STATUTES

Each of the following statutes provided for the representational authority of the territory, the qualification of the candidate for the position, the election process, term of office, and the privileges of the nonvoting delegate. No social, economic, or national issues were incorporated into any of the statutes.

North of the Ohio River	 Northwest Ordinance of 1787	
South of the Ohio River	 1 Statute 123 (1790)	
Mississippi	 1 Statute 549 (1978)	
Indiana	 2 Statute 58 (1800)	
Orleans	 2 Statute 322 (1805)	
Michigan	 2 Statute 309 (1805)	
Illinois	 2 Statute 514 (1809)	
Missouri	 2 Statute 743 (1812)	
Alabama	 3 Statute 371 (1817)	
Arkansas	 3 Statute 493 (1819)	
Florida	 3 Statute 654 (1822)	
Wisconsin	 5 Statute 10 (1838)	
Iowa	 5 Statute 235 (1838)	
Oregon	 9 Statute 323 (1848)	
Minnesota	 9 Statute 403 (1849)	
New Mexico	 9 Statute 446 (1850)	
Utah	 9 Statute 453 (1850)	
Washington	 10 Statute 172 (1853)	
Nebraska	 10 Statute 277 (1854)	
Kansas	 10 Statute 283 (1854)	
Colorado	 12 Statute 172 (1861)	
Nevada	 12 Statute 209 (1861)	
Dakota	 12 Statute 239 (1861)	
Arizona	 12 Statute 664 (1863)	
Idaho	 12 Statute 808 (1863)	
Montana	 13 Statute 853 (1864)	
Wyoming	 15 Statute 178 (1868.	
District of Columbia	 16 Statute 426 (1871)	
Oklahoma	 26 Statute 81 (1890)	
Hawaii	 31 Statute 141 (1900)	
Puerto Rico	 31 Statute 86 (1900)	
Philippine Islands	 32 Statute 694 (1902)	
District of Columbia	 84 Statute 848 (1970)	
Guam	 86 Statute 118 (1972)	
Virgin Islands	 86 Statute 118 (1972)	
American Samoa	 92 Statute 2078 (1978)	
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Year and Population Data for Territories when provided a Nonvoting Delegate by Congress

The following historical reference clearly shows that Congress has not used population benchmarks as a condition for granting nonvoting representation in Congress.

YEAR	TERRITORY	YEAR CENSUS TAKEN	POPULATION
1790	Tennessee	1790	36,000
1798	Mississippi	1800	8,000
1800	Indiana	1800	6,000
1805	Orleans-Louisiana	1810	77,000
1805	Michigan	1810	5,000
1809	Illinois	1810	12,000
1812	Missouri	1810	20,000
1817	Alabama	1810	9,000
1819	Arkansas	1820	14,000
1822	Florida	1830	35,000
1838	Wisconsin	1840	31,000
1838	Iowa	1840	43,000
1848	Oregon	1850	12,000
1849	Minnesota	1850	6,000
1850	New Mexico	1850	62,000
1850	Utah	1850	11,000
1853	Washington	1860	12,000
1854	Nebraska	1860	29,000
1854	Kansas	1860	107,000
1861	Colorado	1860	34,000
1861	Nevada	1860	7,000
1861	N. & S. Dakota	1860	5,000
1863	Arizona	1870	10,000
1863	Idaho	1870	15,000
1864	Montana	1870	21,000
1868	Wyoming	1870	9,000
1871	District of Columbia	1870	132,000
1890	Oklahoma	1890	259,000
1900	Hawaii	1900	154,000
1900	Puerto Rico	****	****
1902	Philippines	***	****
1906	Alaska	1900	64,000
1972	Guam	1970	84,000
1972	Virgin Islands	1970	60,000
1978	American Samoa	1970	30,000



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Pedro (Pete) A. Tenorio was elected Resident Representative for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) in November, 2001.

Representative Tenorio is dedicated to establishing an enduring friendship and a permanent political relationship between the CNMI and the United States, securing for the citizens of the CNMI a non-voting Delegate to Congress, diversifying and increasing the CNMI's economic and business activity, increasing and expanding access to federally funded health benefits, and improving and exploring new education and cultural exchange programs.

He is in the process of forming the Fund for Friends of the Commonwealth Political Action Committee

Representative Tenorio has contributed over 25 years of public service to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Prior to coming to Washington, D.C., Representative Tenorio served two terms as Lieutenant Governor of the CNMI from 1981-1989. He served as Legislative Advisor for the 1st CNMI Legislature and as an Executive Director of the Marianas Public Land Corporation from 1977-1981. He served as the Executive Director of the U.S. funded Northern Marianas Office of Transition Studies and Planning from 1975-1977. As a member of the Northern Marianas Political Status Commission from 1973-1976, Tenorio was one of the key negotiators of the "Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America," (U.S. Public Law 94-241). He served as a Senator for the Northern Marianas in the Congress of Micronesia from 1972-1974.

Representative Tenorio is an active member of the Lion's Club of East Manoa, Honolulu, Hawaii. Born and raised in Saipan, Representative Tenorio holds a MS degree in Environmental Health and a MS degree in Hydrology from the University of Hawaii, where he also graduated with a BA in Geology.